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Minutes of the House Standing Committee  
on  
Education Reform

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Thursday, January 18, 2018

9:00 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Education Reform was called to order by Representative Tim Kelly, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Kelly, Hornberger, Crawford, Garcia, Roberts, Alexander, Griffin, Lilly, Noble, Reilly, Zemke, Brinks, Chang, Camilleri, and Sowerby. (15/15)**

The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

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The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of January 11, 2018 as printed.

**Representative Noble moved to adopt the minutes of January 11, 2018, as printed. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.**

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The Chair laid before the committee Senate Bills 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, Senate Concurrent Resolution 25 and House Bill 5428.

SB 544 (Colbeck) Individual income tax; other; enhanced Michigan education savings program; create.

SB 545 (Pavlov) Individual income tax; other; enhanced Michigan education savings program website; create, and designate eligible services.

SB 546 (Emmons) Individual income tax; other; enhanced Michigan education savings accounts; allow parents to open.

SB 547 (Colbeck) Individual income tax; other; Michigan education savings program act; designate as part 1.

SB 548 (Colbeck) Education; other; requirement for school districts, intermediate school districts, and public school academies to provide a list of services in order to determine services eligible for payment from education savings accounts; provide for.

SCR 25 (Colbeck) A concurrent resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to expand federal tax exemptions and contribution limits for state-sponsored education savings accounts and to allow federal education funding to be deposited into student-specific education savings accounts.

HB 5428 (Kelly) Individual income tax; deductions; contributions made to enhanced Michigan education savings accounts; provide for.

The Chair explained and offered a (H-1) substitute for Senate Bill 548.

**Representative Garcia moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) for Senate 548.**

**The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Representatives Kelly, Hornberger, Crawford, Garcia, Roberts, Alexander, Griffin, Lilly, Noble, Reilly, Zemke, Brinks, Chang, Camilleri, and Sowerby, (15/15)**

**Nays: None. (0/15)**

The substitute was adopted

Senator Colbeck explained the bill package with a PowerPoint presentation, which is attached. Questions followed.

The following individuals submitted a testimony card in opposition to the bill package, and did not wish to speak:

Rachel Richards, Legislative Coordinator for Michigan League for Public Policy;

Mitch Albers, Assistant Director of Government Relations for Michigan Association of School Boards;

Peter Spadofore, Associate Executive Director for Government Relations for the Michigan Association of School Administrators; and

Julie Rowe, Legislative Mobilization Coordinator for the American Federation of Teachers-Michigan.

Caroline Liethen, Legislative Liaison for the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education, submitted a testimony card in opposition to Senate Bills 544 through 548, and House Bill 5428, but did not wish to speak.

Kathleen Merry, Executive Director, Legislative Affairs for Wayne RESA, submitted a testimony card in opposition to Senate Bills 544 through 548, but did not wish to speak.

There being no other business before the committee; **Representative Noble moved to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion prevailed, the time being 9:46 a.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

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Tim Kelly, Chair  
House Standing Committee on Education Reform

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Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

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Date approved by the committee